MERRYMAKERS ON STEEL

Ice Is Covered With Gay Throngs of Skaters.

FUN ON RINK AND RIVER

How the Surface Is Made and Kept. Advice to Beginners Given From the Experience of Old Hands-There Are Few New Skutes This Scuson. An Ice Bicycle.

All Washington new goes shating. If the immerial G. Washington could enter the city he first laid out into town lots, and should see the way genius has buffled nature and an ice skating rink now courses with frolicking skaters whether old Bureas comes with his chilly white or the gentle zephyrs from the Southland bring polimetro colors almost to our gates, he would doubtless twitch nervously in his tomb and inquire what the world is coming to.

If the gets tired of forming out on the basin back of the Monument, or on the Eastern Branch over by the Anacostia Bridge, or on Chevy Chase Lake, or any place where the elements have a chance to play, it is made to form in the ice rink. This is rectangular in shape and 205

feet long between the two remotest , comes.

Down beneath the coating of the runs sixteen miles of piping, carrying animoma over the floor. The surface of the ice is kept about three money above the floor. The same ammonia is need throughout the

It is pumped to the top of the building over the rink, and then descends through an almost endies coil of tubing before It starts on its sixteen-mile course over

at a prodigious rate when a new frame is being made, and though the annu saa is steaming hot when it enters the coll if one were to place his dampened fully on the piping just us it starts out over the floor he would not pull it away victiont the tubling-

The temperature above the ice ranges from 40 to 50 degrees. That of the scats at heel and toe, those for the is surrounding the rink is 55 to 65. In the Others have only the clamps, pronounce it is 70, and up in the gallery behind the band it is 75.

YOUNGSTERS OWN IT.

surface is put on. From 1 to 2 o'clock every day the ladies have the rink to themselves, and on Saturday mornings the children have full sway. Then it is that the little tots, some of them as young as five years, chase each other and their semors about with the air of its being a courtesy only that the older ones are allowed on the ice at the time.

asked a Times reporter of Mr. E. T. Leonard, the heart instructor at the rink. "On, yes, Indeed?" he answered, "and

we have jets of pupils among each." Which are the more apt students in the

"The lastics. A woman is more persever ing in everything, and she will stick to it until she learns. The man gives up evcrything when he first puts on skates and because he doesn't glide away like a bird. but falls down readily, he goes away dis-

"A mun is weak in the knees. A woman is a trifle weak in the ankle, but no worse than a man. Then she is naturally so much more graceful and easy in her mos chiefles. starting is undoubtedly becoming the winter fad in this city. Every afternoon there are dozens of carriages of society fells before the rink, and their learning to shate here will doubtle s cause them to skate more in the open air as the season

How should a fady skater dress?" "In short skirts, not reaching below the shoctop, and in leggings. If the can wear bloomers and the short skirt all the better. A long skirt, besides hindering her partner, is all the time dragging in the snow behind her and will thus keep her feet and ankles The bottom of the skirt, if long, should pe free of all ravelings, too.

COMMON-SENSE SHOES

"She should wear a common-sense shoe Eo should men, for that matter, and a nartow shoe is not fit to state in. The heel should be square and level and the toe an opera or box one. The stiffer the shoe the better. So many of the skaters, and especially the women, that come here are oprepared and wear thin-soled and pointed boots with high heels.

"It is good exercise to walk around in the room with the skates on the feet. That belps to stiffen the ankles. It accustoms one to the skates, too, and saves her le sons. Strength in the ankles and selfconfidence are the two keys to quick and good stating

Whether it be at the rink or on natural ice, the amusement for the lockers on is almost as great as for the skaters. The one advantage of the former over the latter is that the spectators may sit down where it is not uncomfortably cold and enloy the entertainment, while in the open nir they are generally compelled to term their backs to the wind, and if they do not have to alternate in standing on the foct. and the other, they have to sit on a stump or for, with nothing but the still breeze

The old-fastioned skaters and many of the fancy skaters are still loath to give up the natural product, and probably, on whole, faster and fancier skating can he seen down on the basin than in the rink There they write their names on the ice. cut the figure 8, "out tan-bark," "spread " and play, with all the real commendable, hockey or "stimny" and "black-

They race and play "tag" and they fall. But they do the latter everywhere.

A STONE THROWS HIM. The same Linds of people may be seen on both river and rink. When the reporter visited the former, he saw a bright and ten der beginner, an angular youth, who looked as if he should have been quite done grow ing, but had doubtless not, skim along for half a dozen strokes quite nicely, when be suddealy came in contact with a small stone

His shoulders and head immediately came In contact with the congealed water before him and he went half as far on the portions of his anatomy just mentioned as he had jusbefore gone in his half-dozen strokes.

The last evening the reporter visited the rink he saw a young man that looked for all the world like a near relative of the one described, trip over a lady's skirt and go sprawling over theice, picking a youngster of 10 years off his feet and landing him on his head. like a Capital Traction grip fender picking up an urchin, and leaving a track the this snow that gave the rink a post half-storm-wheatfield look.

And then the midget of 250 or more pounds is occasionally to be seen. She tried cycling to reduce her weight, and since that Is not of season, she wall shade. If she is on the natural ice, a bright orpital, with pretty race running in all directions, and a great rour of the lot, will much every time

who sills down. If also is in the ske stell on other bross the discovering and above and a not investigated

subdued titter from the occupants of the speciators' chairs will commemorate the

SKATES FOR HEALTH.

lovariably passing and repassing her, will go the thin man who is forced to the rink more than the open to keep the winds from blowing him away like a withered leaf, and whom the doctor told to wheel and skare if he would become robust. The wheelman and wheelwoman, with

their bikes chained to a tree by the bank, or closeted in the special room for them are ever present, too, and know above all others how to enjoy the sport.

There are few, if any, expert skaters in Washington, or skaters with records. Miss Mahet Davidson of Montreal, one the greatest fancy skaters in the world will be here this week, and the public will be able to see what a really good skater

is. She gives exhibitions in trick, figure and fancy skating. Speaking of skaters and skating brings to mird the skates themselves. The skate of today has reached about as near per-

"No, there is little new in this year's skate," the dealer said, "but of course inventors are always trying to put something new on the

market. "I received a sample of an alominum skate a few days ago, but we won't handle them. They would have to retail at \$8 and \$10 a pair, and no one would buy them at that. The skate had an clongated runner of about eighteen or twenty inches, and a wooden footboard, supported by a skeleton plat-

"The length of the rupper would of course, tend to give the skater an increase in leverage and reach that would add to his speed. The skate is much lighter than steel, but I see little advantage in it for the ordinary skater.

CLUB SKATES POPULAR.

"Now and then one finds a new speed skate, but the American club skate and its kind are the most popular skates of all. Coal water is kept pooring over the coil | They go on easily, are not chinasy and are

not intricate.
"A person should never pay less than \$7 for a pair of skates, though it is true be can buy them for all the way from 50 centsup.

"There is a lady's skate fitted with a rigid rod of steel running up the tack. A caving a portion of the cuticle from to strap stretches from this around the ankle and holds that member stiff. Many of the club pattern skates are fitted with straps at heel and toe, those for the tadies I mean.

"Then we have the skates with wooder footholds and straps at heel and toe; the ones like our fathers wore, yea know, but in the ones today the runner stops it There are two sessions a day. The ice is but in the ones today the remer stops if accaped and swept after each one, and a life wooden footbearing ones. It can around the two obtaining the obtaining the college of the in the old-fashioned ones, it ran around and carried like the tall of an Italian grey hound. They are very good skates, but there is little demand for them and few are manufactured any more."

When Miss Davidson appears in Wash ington she will ride an ice bicycle. Of course, no one has ever thought for a minute that such a machine would not be invented The machine looks like an ordinary safety with the front wheel replaced by a steel runner. This runner is about two feet long and about taif an inch in width. It curves gently up in front and is attached to the "forks" of the front wheel by slender hollow steel rods leading to the axie holes and to the bottom of the head of the machine.

It is guided as an ordinary bicycle. The rest of the machine is like other bikes, except the hind wheel is fitted with small spikes that prevent it from slipping on the ice when curves are made Very good speed can be made on the slid-

Frightened Out of Church

Some years ago, writes Lady Cook, a handsone, accomplished, and well-dressed young hady—an intimate friend of ours— casually passing the open door of a rural bethel about a nale or two from Penzance, intured to enter. Her fashionable appearamee in such a spot caused a general sen-sation. The "local preacher" inited in the most of his rustic eloquence, and gazed for a few moments at the lovely lishment of such an institution as Mrs. gazed for a few manners at the occu-vasion. Then thrusting satian behind him with one hand, his heart boiling with holy wrath, he extended the other, and, point-ing to the delicate cell which flowed over her luxuriant tresses, should in strutorian the fuxuriant tresses, should in strutorian its establishment. tones and with an air of apostelic fervor: "Take off that hell rar!" If a mere veil "Take off that hell rar." If a more ven could have produced such a rade out-hurst of disseating heat, what would be have said had the entered in yelling knicker. Tour young friend left the chapel of this latter day becomers more rapidly than she entered it, and with visible tionally gave to Mrs. Daveopers and those sympathy of the surprosed congregation-for the Cornish are remarkable for their gentle and unodrinsive politoness. Never-theless, his character as a severe and fearless denouncer of poups and vanities was thoroughly established.

IN FRATERNAL VISIT.

Rawlins' Post Were Guests of Reynold's Post.

The camp-fire given by John F. Rey-nold's Post, No. 6, Friday evening at Grand Army Hall on the occasion of a fraternal visit by John A. Rawlins' Post, House, is-partment Commander Emory, of Missouri, Capt. Wassan of Pittsburg, and Hop. Orlando Burreli of Illinois, nt as special guests, and each gave interesting camp-fire addresses.

Among the inusical features were a baritone selo, "The Sword of Banker Hill,"

by Comrade Hillibridge, with encore, Several nutriothe selections by "The Old Boys Quartet." Piane soles by Mr. Dodley e; guitar, Mr. Stump; violin, J. II.

Dr. Thos. Calver and Col. John A. Joyce each tendered original postic genes, hap-

pay appropriate.
Past Department Commanders N. M. Brooks and S. E. Fannee, each addressed the comrades assembled, and hot coffee. andwiches, and eights were served by the entertainment committee. The visiting orarades were formally received by Com-mander M. M. Lewis, of Post No. 6, and Com-nander Shepard, of Post No. 1, responded to the greeting in a happy manner Fred G. Calvert, chairman of the enternent committee, presided during the

RODE LIKE COSSACKS

Exercises in Horsemanship by Troops A and G at Fort Myer.

Troops A and G. Sixth Cavalry, again entertained the public at Fort Myer Fri day afternoon by presenting an excellent gram of most difficult feats of bare ack horsemanship and Cossatk riding. G Troop was warmly received in all of is bareback maneavers, but the feature of the exercises was the dashing and pirited work of A Troop's daring riders.

outcossacked" Cossack. The drill wan the most successful held so far, and Col. Gordon deserves credit for his zealous and carnest labors. Capt. Kendall, Lieut, Short, Lieut, White, of A Troop, and Capt West and Lieuts, Galand Stoat, of G Troop, were ap-charded for their fine generalship. Troops E and H will give their drill next Friday afternoon.

She Knew Him.

Mrs. Dix -I wonder what present my hos-

nd will bring me tonight?
Mrs. Hicks What makes you expect one?
It your borolday?
Mrs. bix Now, we quarreled this morn-

No Such Word.

An East Jurism girl wrone to fey licel fellow. "Boy't plants to be than." Be replied at other. "To be then. There's as such water as prints." "Grand Reports Dominion of the second stage of the second stage

SAVES MANY LITTLE LIVES

Interesting Story of the Founding of the Bell Home.

RESTORES HEALTH TO SICK

Splendid Charity at Colonial Beach Organized by Mrs. Davenport for Suffering Mothers and Children. Prof. Melville Bell's Generous Gifts to Establish the Popular Institution.

The Bell Home, at Colonial Beach, on the Potomac, is one of the many practical charities conceived and established, through theuntiring efforts of thoughtfur and benevdealer. Yankee genius is to be credited obent Washingtonians. It is an asylum for with every improvement the skate has sickly and destitute chileren and worn-seen since the first one was made, it is said.

operations is entirely different from that of the many other charaties of the city. It also undertakes to aid and felleve the deserving noor at a time of the year when nearly all the other charaties are closed and the city deserted of these most able to contribute to the assistance of the sick and suffering. There are in the city, particularly in the heated season, many, es pecially children, whose very existence depends on a change of air, whether it be the fresh balmy air of the country or the salt air from the sea. Happily the Bell Home, on the Potomac, is so situated as to be blessed with both these, and it was the knowledge of this, which, in a great mens are, influenced the founders in establish ing the home at that place. The idea of establishing such an institu-

tion was undertaken not quite a year ago them, for who knows but what a little timely

dren for a drive into the country, or through the beautiful streets of "Colonial City," as the place is sometimes called. Ecsides attentions of this kind, many of the resi dents and visitors at the bench are regular callers at the Home, and take pleasure in

making the days seem like so many holidays to the little ones : Already many thousands of dollars have been expended in the erection of the Home and the care of the invalids, who spent part of last summer there; but the dollars were not begradgingly spent, and those who invested feel that they have been amply repaid in the benefits and happiness brought to many homes. The good work, however, has only begun. Next season it will be so extended as to reach hundreds of the sick and destitute, who, otherwise, would be compelled to remain in the city in want of sufficient food and medical attention. perhaps only to die for want of even the ommonest necessities of life.

TO OPEN THE HOUSE EARLY.

It is the intention of the management of the home during the coming summer, on ac count of the greater facilities for the comfortable accommodation of an incressed number of patients, to open the home much earlier than last season, and keep it open much later than was done last year. The large rooms in the Bell Home will be given to either societies or individuals who may wish to furnish them as memorial rooms Several of the rooms have already been dis-posed of in this way, and it is expected that all of them will be furnished in the early spring.

Mrs. Davenport and her assistants are already actively engaged in preparing for the opening of the home in Maynext. Every nail brings many applications for acc dation for sick mothers and children. The good results of last season's work have been heralded abroad, and the people sing question which the ladies in charge are daily asking themselves is, "How are we to aid all these worthy people"; We can' refuse them. We must do the best we can fer



Prof. Melville Bell.

by Mrs. W. G. Pavenport of Anacostia, a assistance such as we can give may be the lady who, through her wate experience in practical charities, saw the great need of such an institution. Mrs. Davenport is president of the Daughters of the King of Mary land, and from the members of that organ-

mation received great assistance. FOUNDING THE CHARITY.

The first mention of her thoughts on the lishment of such an institution as Mrs

Having for years made Colonial Bench his summer home, and by experience having she might afterward become associated with in this work the land upon which to build the home. This was in April, 1895 and as early as June 6 following the buildings were so far advanced in course of erection as to be habitable. On that day the first colony of sick and feeble chil dren was landed at Colonial Beach, and the Bell Home became an established fact as well as an established practical charity.

The settlement consists of two buildings the Clergy House and Bell Home, both of which front west on Davenport avente, a benutifel wide drive, named in honor of No. 1, was most enjoyable. Commander-beautiful wide Grive, named in honor of in-Chief I. N. Walker, Adjutant General, the founder of the home. The Clerry House Robbins, Department Commander Anderson,

J. C. McElroy of Onio, positionster of the
House, Department Commander Emory, of
intendent of the home and her assistance Last season, however, owing to the fact that the main building was not completed the Clergy House was used for the ac one

modation of the little colonists. Bell Home, the main building, is a magnificent structure, admirably suited to the purpose for which it is intended. It is 40 feet in width and 50 feet in length and three stories in height. Through the center of the first and second stories, from east to west, runs a wide passageway with large rooms on either side. The third story is finished with glass sidings and cover and will be used exclusively as a playhouse for the children in lad weather and in winter, for it is the intention of the management to keep the home open all the year. In the third story or pavilion will be erected a gymnasium, and the stery will also be used as a school room for the children-

South. It is nearly in the center of an cak grove, and on the east extend bills and dales charming view. On "Home" lake is a large boat, the gift

of Mrs. Melville Bell, It will comfortably seat fifteen or twenty persons, and in fine weather, every afternoon, in charge of one of the ladies of the Home, the children are given a saff over the bay. This is an amusement greatly enjoyed by the children, and looked upon as one of the most beneficial exercises afforded to the little ones and their guardlans. MANY FRIENDS ASSIST.

Nor is it alone the good people of Washing on who take a deep interest in the little ones and the tired, worn-out mothers who go to Bell Home for rest, and to recuperate their ran-down systems.

The arrival of the first batch of little colmists at the settlement on June 6, 1895. nursel a stir at the beach, and very soon Mrs. Davesport and her lady assistants were over rop with visitors, nextons to know what they could do to make the stay of the little musike as pleasest as possible. Nothing was lets unders which tended to make the type of the unfortunities an pleasant as it was possible for them to be upder the ex-

Robbers a dux process that some of the whatever set this branch dis not being the chill-

means of saving many lives, as it was in ne or two instances fast season."

The effort will be made, and with the

kind assistance of friends it is honed that all applicants will be comfortably accoming Those who are sent to the home are only allowed to remain fifteen or twenty days, except in urgent cases, when the time is

possible to reach many who otherwise would go all the summer season without aid of any kind, no matter how sorely needed

AN EXCELLENT FEATURE. Another excellent feature of the institution is that it is intended as a cheap was appointed tandmaster. ome for shop girls and others who could not afford to pay the exorbitant prices Mahan in the Mediterranean, and then asked for board at many watering places within easy reach of Washington. This America. That was when my sufferings class of applicants will be taken and cared for under the personal supervision of the ladies of the home at so small a cost as to make a month's stay possible to all the I had such a horror of the sea.

workinggirls of the city. The latest gift to the home is another from Prof. Bell, already the home's first and best friend. On the east side and adoining the grounds Prof. Bell has donated six more lots. This land is admirably suited for agricultural purposes, and it is the intention of Mrs. Davenpore to use it. for a time at least, for a vegetable garden. The garden was started on a small scale last season and proved a success. season it is proposed to make the garden a factor in the support of the home

Resides the donations of the original a nd the land just mentioned, Prof. Bell has given over \$500 in cash for the support of the home. Among others who have contributed largely are Rev. br. Mackar-Smith, cash: Bartler & Ross, lamber and furnishings; Mrs. J. T. Campbell and Dr. Faber Johnson, beds and bed clothing; Mrs. J. S. Brown, clothing and Mrs. A. M. Weaver, clothing, Besides there are and household necessities.

MES. DAVENPORT'S HELPER. As president of the Daughters of the King, Mrs. Davenport cullsted the services of the ladies of this widely known benevelent organization in the new work she h indertaken, and to them and other friends she attributes her ultimate success. Among these ladies who were most actively en-gaged in promoting and carrying to suc-cess this work are Mesdames L. K. Roome

C. B. Stephens, L. M. Smallwood, W. M.

s. D. T. Barr. L. M. Fritingham, E. A. Tyler and Miss Edith Hart. List senson the home was kept open for a few months from June 6 to September 3. Buring this time it will also be reobered that only the clergy house wa Bell Home, named in honor of Prof. Bell, babitable. Between thirty and forty chil-is situated on a heaptiful slope overlooking dren and many older people were cared for and nursed back to health and strength. In many instances the cures effected were indeed wonderfull Most of those who went which, in the spring and summer, form a to the home, especially the children, were lingering between life and death, their systems being completely exhausted for want of not only fresh air and proper medical attention, but even the actual neces sitles of life. The fresh country air drank in during the nmny pleasant and beneficial drives in the country, and the sait sea breezes wafted from Home Bay had a magical effect on the inmates of the home. and never more than a week clapsed before a decided change for the better was plainly

SAVED MANY LIVES.

Those who had arrived a few days be fore sallow and sick soon began to show signs of rapidly returning health and strength, and the little invalids were soon transferred from puny wenklings to strong and beathy, resysterized children merry laughter as it rang out at

I their own sight, returned to the bestle against the roll and store misser. About all these parents again during the colorey scouls.

SCALA'S GLORIOUS PAST

Favorite of Many Famous Men at the Nation's Capital.

PRESIDENTS HIS FRIENDS

For More Than a Quarter of a Century Leader of the Renowned Marine Band-England's Future King Danced to His Music-March King Sousa Was His Apprentice.

Grizzled, but still vigorous in spite of his seventy-five years, Francis Scala sat in his coxy home on South Carolina avenue yesterday and chatted of famous men and incidents of a period among the most his-toric in the history of this country. Scala was leader of the famous Marine Band for over a quarter of a century, and Senator Gorman has a bill before the United States Senate to place the venerable sician upon the retired list with the pay and privileges of a bandmaster.

Scala's was a name famous throughout this country and in all the capitals of the civilized world when John Philip Some was an auknown apprentice lad under Scala. The old musician has enjoyed the friendship of many of the national celebrities of the country, and Albert Edward of Wales, the future King of England, danced to the measures of the bandsman when Queen Victoria's eldest son was here in

Scala treasures as priceless sonvenirs autographic notes written by Lincoln to the band leader, and he has many other other famous men of ante-bellum and war

Lincoln's old-time rival. Stephen A. Douglas, was a particularly warm friend of the Marine Band chief, and Scala still fondly remembers Clay, Websier, Calhou and Benton. Seward, who was an ardent lover of music, was an admirer and friend of Scala. The band lender was acquainted with almost all the noted soldiers and sailors of both the Mexican and civil wars. Many of his marches and other compositions which were whistled throughout this country more than a quarter of a century ago were dedicated to famous men and women. In honor of the marriage of Senator Douglas, Scala composed a bridal school tische which was played at the wedding of the "Little Giant." It was dedicated to Mrs. Pouglas and at once became in mensely popular.

NEVER RECEIVED A PENNY.

Scores of others of his musical creations were welcomed with popular applicuse. still be never received a penny from the publishers as a reward for his work. As Scala recalled the most important achievements of his musical career, he hummed over the old nirs, and then he had one of his daughters play again the superb march which he composed for the inaugural ball of Gen. Grant at the beginning of Grant's first administration.

Then the veteran told the story of his services as a member of the famous band in a modest manner. His eyes sparkled as he thought of some of the happiest incidents in his career.

"I was about twenty years old," he said, when I went abourd the old Brandy wine f the Mediterranean fleet in 1841 and enlisted as a third-class-musicion. The ressel tay in the beautiful Bay of Naples in front of my native city. My family had not been a musical one, but I had loved isic and had been trained at the musical

ollege in Naples. "I spoke no English, but the executive fficer of the Brandywine spoke Italian like a native, and I was soon playing the clarionette in the band on the Brandy wine I had only been one month on the maneof indefinitely extended. In this way it is war, when the executive officer told me that he would place me in charge of the band, and if at the end of a voyage the hand showed an improvement in its play ing I would be retained as its leader. I played all the soles at sight, and the band did so well that, although only a youth, I

"That winter following we spent at Porwent to Gibraltar. Then we started for began. For two weeks I was so sensick that I was unable to blow a note on my clarionette. I prayed that I should die

"Finally we reached Norfelk. I was deermined that I should never again go near salt water and I soon seemed my discharge not having been a year in the Navy. hand-mastership of the famous old three decker, Pennsylvania, was offered to me I was a mighty good musician they say, but I knew I was such a poor sailor that I re fused the leadership. Then I was asked t secome bandmaster in the Army, to be stationed at Fortress Monroe. I was about to accept it, but then I looked at the salt water all around the fort and declined the po-

EIGHT DOLLARS A MONTH.

"I journeyed up the Chesapeake to Paltimore and came here to Washington. I didn't have much money, as my pay in the band tool been the munifleent som of \$8 a month nd one ration. Soon I secured a place in the Marine Band. It wasn't much of an organization then. Congress had made to provision for the band, so that the ten or twelve embers were enlisted as fifers and drummers, there being two leaders, a fife

major and a drum major. "The leaders received \$16 a month each and rations. John Tyler was President when, in 1842, I became the leader of the band. It was a small reed affair then. We had ne flute, one clarionette, one French hora. twatrombones, one bugle, one basedram, one

small drum, and one cymbal player. "The nations represented in the band" nake-up were Am rica. England Germany Spain, Italy and Austria. Why, the drummer couldn't read music, and while I led the band with my clarionette I director the drummer by stamping my feet. I hadn't been leader of the band long before the me thrilling event in my career happened. That was the explosion on the Princeton on the Potomac when Tyler's Secretary of War and others were slaughtered by the burfaing

of a big gun. The little band had been playing near the gun when we were called below for lunch Just as we reached the lower deck there was a frightful explosion, and the great gun cam crashing through the hatchway. When we rashed on the upper deck a terrible scene greeted us. Capt. Faunce's white coat wa blackened with powder as he lay dazed against the bulwark, while the scupper wa already running with blood from the killed

"It was during the Tyler administration that I introduced the playing on the platform in the rear of the White House, and at the Capitol. One incident that created some laughter at the time was when Presiden Tyler, at a big reception in the White or had Mrs. Tyler sit on his lap. We played at the mangaration of James K. Polls in March, 1845, and that night were a the White House. "One eight a young fellow in the hand

med a pinner in the White House, while band, rang an Platon time mag. Just of the most possioner point of the build. Property at Pully weatherf in on them and

hallway and disappeared. Polk, who was a plain, democratic man, smiled and returned to his apartments up stairs. He had heard the music and had come down to investigate or listen, I don't know which, when the bandsmen made their un-

dignified retreat. "Gen. Taylor was an old-fashioned soldier who put on no airs whatever. During the little time he was President I learned to like him. I remember that the day he was inaugurated he rode with W. W. Corcoran n the Corcoran carriage from the White House to the Capitol and return. There was little snow storm that day as we marched ahead of the carriage. Toften used to meet Taylor taking a stroll alone on Pennsylvania

CHARACTERISTICS OF PRESIDENTS. Fillmore, his Vice President, who sucpleasant gentleman. It was while Fillmore was President that I met Louis Kossuth. the famous Hungarian patriot. We played at the Kossuth reception in the National Hotel. Bonglas, who was a personal friend of mine, made a splendid address at that time. My, how that little man could talk! One of my most successful composi-tions was "The Bridal Schottische," I dediated to Senator Douglas' bride.

Pierce was a man of pleasant personality, and I have many kind remembrances of him. During the Buchanan administration Miss Harriet Lane took a lively interest in the musical end of her uncle's administration as part of the social feature. The march played at Buchanan's inauguration I dedicated to Miss Lone, and it had a heavy sale. I, of course, saw all of the famous men who took part in making history just previous to the outbreak of the rebellion. Seward,

like Imaghas, was always my friend. "The big social event of the Buchanan idministration was the visit here of the Prince of Wales. He was a guest at the White House during his stay at the Capital. I had to report every morning at the White House to Miss Lane and receive directions

as to the various music for the day. "We were along with President Buchanan and his party when they accompanied the prince to the tomb of Washing ton. As the distinguished visitets stood at the grave of the Father of His Country the band played a funeral dirge which I had arranged for the occasion. As the music swelled ferth the Prince of Wales, standing at the side of the President of he United States, raised his hat and every hend was uncovered. As I played I turned and saw the tears running down the cheeks of Buchanan. The dirge made such an impression on the heir to the English throne that by his request the duke of Newcastle, who was in the prince's suite, secured from me a copy of the music and forwarded it to the queen, and I had the pleasure to learn afterward that it had been played before her majesty, and that it became popular

in England. "There is an impression that while at Mount Vernon on that day the prince planted ute nail a dollar to pay for my funeral, a tree, which grew to steady minurity, but that is a mistake. I saw a hole dug for him. Into this he threw two or three chestnuts, but they never developed into atree. These chestnuts were failures astree

producers.

LINCOLN LIKED MUSIC. "Lincoln I siways recall with affection. He was so delightfully plain and hone &. Old Abe' liked music, and he was my friend. I have many personal souvenirs of

him. "The night be arrived in Washington the band screnaded him, at the National Hotel, and I see him now as he stood at a window and addressed the great crowd in the street below. We marched in his mangurai parade and then went up on the purtico of the Capitol and played. The band by this time had grown to a membership of twenty-five nembers, still, however, enlisted as fifers

and drummers. "We often played at the White House and I soon gained the friendship of Lincoin. Ho w often have I seen mothers, sisters, wives crowding into his office to make pleas for dear ones in the army and mavy and how democratically 'Old Abe' received them. There wasn't much red tape about him. Robert Lincoln was a good friend of mine, and 'Tad,' his little brother, was a source of delight to everybody around the Presidential house. I shall never forget a grand chandeler while playing with sight attracted hundreds of people to

"Lincoln did me a personal favor once My first wife's brother had enlisted in a regiment in Camfornia. He had served in Mexican war and had a good record. A liestenancy in the California regiment vacant and I went to Lincoln and asked

for the place for my brother-in-law. Well, Scala, what can I do for you?" said the President, as he saw me seated with the crowd waiting to speak to him-

I told him. "Let me have your card," he said, and he wrote apon it an order promoting my rother-in-law to be a lieutenant. I sent the card to my wife's brother, and what do you think he did with it? Why, becarried the card in his pocket and served to the

end of the war as a high private. CONSPIRACY AGAINST SCALA.

"Mrs. Johnson, the wife of President Johnop, was a favorite with the hand. Every time the band appeared at the White Hous Mrs. Johnson sent me a beautiful bouquet of flowers. The one march that reached the highest wave of popularity was the one I composed for and played at the grand inaugural bail at the beginning of the Grant administration. Both Gen. Grant and Mrs. Grant were highly pleased with it and it became a universal favorite. received not a cent in return for it, but clique started to work to take the

leadership of the band from me. "They had a favorite for the place, I appealed to Gen. Grant for a court martial, but there were no charges upon which to try me. So then they determined to reduce me from bandmuster to first must cian, but rather than bow to that disgrace I secured my discharge December. 1871, after thirty years faithful service

to the government." Twice married, Scala has eleven living hildren, five boys and six girls, and all except a married son live with him at No. 918 South Carolina avenue, the youngest child being a pretty brown-haired girl, five years old. None of his sons have become professional musicians, although several of his children have marked musi-

cal talent. "No, none of them shall be musicians," said the old bandsman. "I think republics are ungrateful to the makers of their mel-

JEWISH MODEL FARM.

odies.

Dr. Krauskopf to Make Another Lecture Tour for the Fund.

Philadelphia Ledger.

The Rev. Dr. Joseph Krauskop of Keneseth Israel congregation, projector of the Jewish Agricaltural College, has arranged for another lecture tour through the South for the benefit of the farm final. He will lecture in the principal Southern cities.

At a recent meeting of gentlemen laterated in the project the immediate parents.

ment of the balance due on the Doylestown form, which had been purchased, was arranged. Of the min of \$20,000, which is suggested to the min of \$20,000, which is suggested to present the balance that had been purchased at the form which \$12,000 has already from the foundations and moved to be \$2,000 has already from the foundations and moved to be \$2,000 had a grown to reciprof. The many form the foundations and moved to be supported to the color of the bary by the cruck process and to be second. The many form the foundation and moved to be supported to the support of the bary of the bar

The Past Year Was Full of Very **Funny Events.**

GIRL WHO CHEWS TOBACCO

Developed the Faculty at Eighteen Years of Age and Can't Stop-Man With a Six-Foot Mustache-Young Woman Tries to Sell Her Owa Corpse.

Eighteen ninety-five was conspicuo era remarkable number of curious and extraordinary happenings. One of the strangest stories of the year was that concerning a Miss Drake, who lives near Lynn, Knox county, Ky. Miss Brake is thirteen years old. About a year ago she developed a fierce and uncomrotable appetite for tobacco. She chewed the weed voracionaly, consuming as guich as four pounds a week at first. Gradually she increased the quantity, and less than two weeks ago her weekly allowance was five pounds of tobacco. She chews leaf tobacco. ntirely. Physicians seem unable to con

WATER DRIVES HIM TO SLEEP. Amos J. Manning, of Mount Carmel, Pa., says the New York Press, startles the people of his acquaintance and the physiclaus for miles around by sleeping for month or six weeks at a time. Sleep is upt to overtake him at any time. When awake he usually finds employment in one

brain.

Mrs. L. Stagi of No. 1821 California street. St. Louis, is a prepossessing woman about thirty years old. Recently she was in need of money, and so she inserted the following advertisement in one of the local papers: LADY-Thirty, wishes to assign her

An enterprising reporter called on her and found that she had changed her mind about "assigning her body." Her temporary financial embarrassment had been tided over, for the time being, at least-

"If I were to be killed today I'd have fifty white friends who would each contribsaid Perry Derry, in a joking manner to some friends in Glen Loch, Pa. That night he was struck by a train and so badly in jured that he died in a Philadelphia howpital a few hours later. He was only four feet tall, fifty years old, spoke five lan guages fluently, and was for a number of ears the body servant of A. T. Stewarb the New York millionaire.

BULLET-PROOF MOUTH. Wilmer Lefferts of No. 5010 Foulkrod

care to accomplish again. A revolver in the hands of a playmate was accidentally discharged. The built passed through young Leffert's upper lip, knocked out a tooth and fell on his tongue. JACK THE EAR-CLIPPER A well-dressed lumatic was for some ele-

he lobes of people's ears has caused the disfigurement of a large number of other-wise good-looking Paristans. He usually

FISH HAD HUMAN TEETH. When fishing in a pend near East Stroads is mouth to the bottom of the stream. A lace, Parcell caught an unusually large

fish. Parceil new wears the teeth as usual. NATURAL REINS AND BRIDLE.

of a Hercules. WHOLE SCHOOL IN HYSTERICS. apon the school chibiren of Reblingen.

CATS HAVE A CHRISTMAS. On Christmas Day, at her home in Baltimore, Mrs. R. Borsey Coale gave her large and extraordinary variety of cals a dainties had been distributed to the "guests," they were comfortably tucked in

bed. STEAMBOAT LEAPS FALLS. The Northwest Magazine says that in running a steamboat from Rainy Lake

River to Rainy Lake, in nacthern Minne sota, the craft was compelled to plunge over falls ten feet high. With the force of the current and a full head of steam the vessel shot out of water full length, exposing the whole beat's bottom, keel, wheel, and radder, and then dropped into the boiling, swiring water below the fails. The cur-rent was swift, strong, and tortgous, but the captain guided his craft safely inte

quiet water. HOUSE MOVED BY WATER.

A remarkable feat in the line of house At a recent meeting or extended in the project, the namedlate per-morting was accomplished recently at ment of the balance due on the Doylestown Eureka, Cal. Ernest Sevier tod a fine twomoving was accomplished recently at

trol her appetite. In the year she lost forty-five pounds. Unless cured she will not live many months longer.

of the coal mines around Mount Carmel He is thirty-one years old and ordinarily enjoys fairly good health. When in a sleep ing state food is administered to him. Man-ning's trouble is believed by some physicians to be due a pressure of water on the

HER CORPSE HER SECURITY.

body after death for assistance now. Address G. 675, this office.

DEATH TRIED THE BOAST.

street, Frankford, Pa., stopped a buffer with his mouth, a feat that he does not

at large in Peres. His mania for cutting or.

did his work with a pair of scistors. Boys were mostly his victims BEES ON A BENDER. Bumblelse opium fiends were found in great quantities on Finhook form in Bucks county, Pa. Thousands of bees gathered about the poppy plants which grew on the farm, sipped the seductive paice and were found hours afterward in deep stuper. The

burg, Pa., George Parcell accidentally dislodged his false teeth and they dropped from few days later, while fishing in the fish. When it was cut open the mi teeth were found in the stemach of the

Certainly the bearded freak of the United States is James Brown, who lives near the village of Bealington. Braxton county His mustache is the longest in the world, being exactly six feet from tip to tip. Brown hasn't shaved since the war. He is more than six feet tall, and has the build

An epidemic of St. Vitus' dance selzed village near Trier, on the Mozelle. It began during a violent thunderstorin, when Katharine Schnub-1, aged 12, leaped from her seat and began dancing in a wildly hysterical minner. The sight of Katharine's involuntary actions so affected the other school children that they were seized by an irresistible desire to imitate her. They prang from their seats, and in a short time the entire school was in an upronr. Phy-

cicians were summoned and the school closed for three wecks.

at-heme" reception. But cass, little ents, ugly cats, pretty cats, young cuts, old cats, white, back, and gray cats were grouped about the handsome parior of the Couls house in Park avenue, and feasted and petted. For their especial benefit a Christmas tree had been erected. On the tree hung imitation kittens, juncy-looking mice and rats, little jugs of milk, bits of raw ment, and boxes of catnip. After all these